

heard from Victor M. Mendez, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Peter M. Rogoff, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Anne S. Ferro, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and David L. Strickland, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

LOWERING THE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Lowering the Rate of Unemployment for the National Guard and Reserve: Are We Making Progress?". Testimony was heard from MG Terry M. Haston, Adjutant General, Tennessee National Guard; Maj Ty Shepard, Director, California National Guard Employment Initiative; Ronald G. Young, Director, Family and Employer Program and Policy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING PATIENT WAIT TIMES AT VA

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Waiting for Care: Examining Patient Wait Times at VA". Testimony was heard from William Schoenhard, FACHE, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Operations and Management Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

FINANCING CHALLENGES FACING THE SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee Social Security held a hearing entitled "Financing Challenges Facing the Social Security Disability Insurance Program". Testimony was heard from Joyce M. Manchester, Chief, Long-Term Analysis Unit, Health, Retirement, and Long-Term Analysis Division Congressional Budget Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a business meeting on Member Access request. This was a closed meeting.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held hearing entitled "Ongoing Intelligence Activities". This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

FEDERAL DEBT CRISIS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine solving the Federal debt crisis, after receiving testimony from former Senator Judd Gregg; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, and Alice M. Rivlin, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; and Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Cambridge.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D175)

H.R. 307, to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response. Signed on March 13, 2013. (Public Law 113-5)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine JPMorgan Chase whale trades, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

House

Committee on Appropriations, March 15, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, hearing on Sandy Disaster Relief Recovery Oversight, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 15, Full Committee, hearing on the posture of the U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 15, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Unaffordable: Impact of Obamacare on Americans' Health Insurance Premiums", 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 15, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Medicare Payment Advisory Commission's (MedPAC) annual March Report to the Congress", 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.